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Idaho Cattle Numbers Up 1 Percent From 2010

Idaho cattle and calf inventory totaled 2.20 million head as of January 1, 2011, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was up 1 percent from the revised 2.17 million head in the State on January 1, 2010. There were 446,000 beef cows, up 1 percent, and 574,000 milk cows, up 4 percent, on hand at the beginning of the year. The number of beef replacement heifers, at 95,000, was up 6 percent from a year ago, heifers for milk cow replacement, at 320,000, up 8 percent and other heifers 500 pounds and over was 225,000 head. Statewide, there were 260,000 steers over 500 pounds, 35,000 bulls over 500 pounds and 245,000 calves under 500 pounds on January 1, 2011. The 2010 calf crop totaled 990,000 head, up 5 percent from the calf crop of 2009.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2011, totaled 92.6 million head, 1 percent below the 93.9 million on January 1, 2010. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 91.2 million on hand in 1958. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.0 million, were down 1 percent from the 40.5 million on January 1, 2010. Beef cows, at 30.9 million, were down 2 percent from last year. Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2010. Beef replacement heifers, 5.2 million, down 5 percent. Milk replacement heifers at, 4.6 million head, and other heifers at, 9.8 million head, were both up 1 percent from last year. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over at, 16.4 million head, were down 1 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over at, 2.2 million, were down 2 percent from a year ago. Inventory for calves under 500 pounds came in at, 14.5 million head, down 3 percent. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.0 million head, up 3 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 26.7 million head, down 3 percent from January 1, 2010. The 2010 calf crop was estimated at 35.7 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. This is the smallest calf crop since the 34.9 million born during 1950. Calves born during the first half of 2010 are estimated at 25.9 million, down 1 percent from 2009.

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